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Dear Mr. Bennett:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, enclosed please find a copy of the Supplemental Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Supplemental Answer. Please note that this was filed with the USPTO on May 16, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 1. 10 pg. Reply Brief; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.
- With respect to fees: 2.
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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

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